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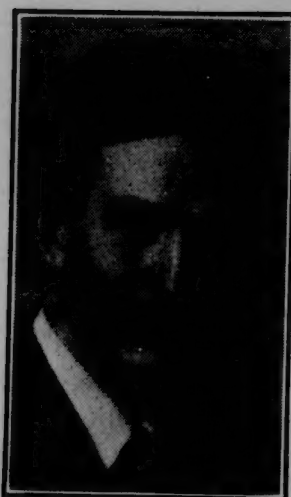
By M. Wells Jakeman

(Editor's Note — This is the third and final of a series of articles on scientific proofs of the Book of Mormon by a graduate student at the University of California. Mr. Jakeman is doing special work for his Doctorate in the field of mid-American research.)

The sharp alignment of the Book of Ether with the so-called "Archaic Horizon" of American anthropology presents a problem of extraordinary religious and scientific interest. In two previous articles in the April and June numbers of THE MESSENGER, it was seen that this intriguing situation affords a unique opportunity for the scientific solution of the great problems of religion. It was shown that by a comparative historical criticism of these parallel sources of evidence, it should not only be possible to establish the actual historicity of the facts ascribed by them to this phase of early American history, but to determine the authenticity or falsity of those sources themselves. And since the Book of Ether, as an integral part of the Book of Mormon, was either divinely revealed if authentic, or else falsified, it is evident that such a scientific decision as to its authenticity, whether positive or negative, would have the greatest consequences both for religion and for science.

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CALIFORNIA MISSION'S NEW PRESIDENT



W. Aird MacDonald Not for long are willing hands permitted to be idle in the work of the Lord. A short time ago our retired Stake President, W. Aird MacDonald, was summoned by wire to come to Salt Lake City. Upon his return it was announced that he was to succeed Nicholas G. Smith as president of the California Mission. Headquarters of the mission are to remain in Los Angeles, and the MacDonalds, who so recently moved from Oakland to Stockton, are now confronted with another move to the metropolis of the south. They will remain in Stockton until July 15 winding up their affairs.

This promotion which has come to President MacDonald is an honor which is greatly deserved, a recognition of his long period of service in the upbuilding of the Church in this region. He goes to his new location with the love and good wishes of all who know him.

RICHMOND WARD TO ENJOY NEW HOME



RICHMOND WARD LEADERS

Left to right: W. C. Andersen, 1st Counselor, Bishop A. L. Hopkins, Albert Dietliker, 2nd Counselor, Timothy Morley, Jr., Clerk, Claude M. Dewsnup, chairman of building committee and first bishop.

After a rather humble beginning twenty years ago, Richmond Ward is about ready to move into a fine new chapel, a monument to the courage and devotion of its leaders and members. The work is virtually completed and it is expected that services will commence regularly in the new location very soon. A final drive is now under way to raise the \$2,200.00 necessary to pay the last of the bills incurred in the construction. The help of the entire Stake is solicited to clear this off so that the chapel may be dedicated without delay.

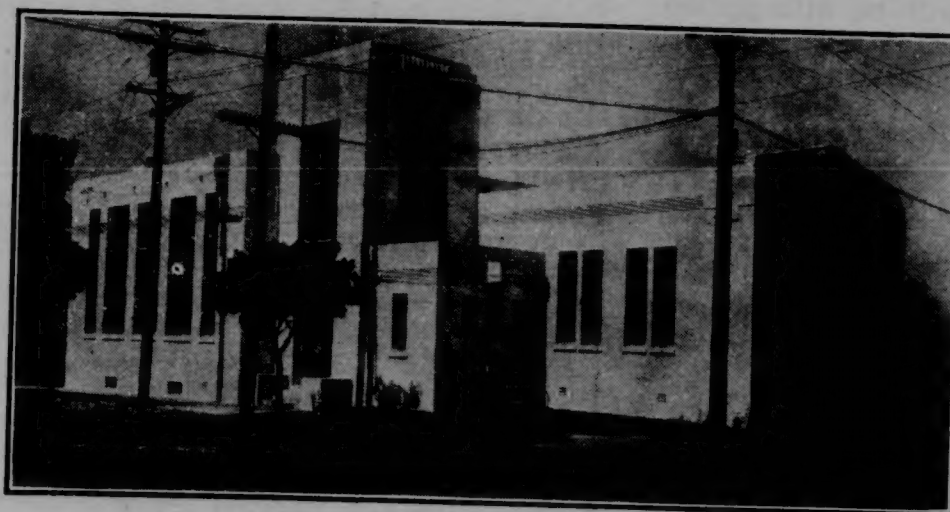
Church beginnings in Richmond date from 1917, when cottage meetings were first held in the homes of members. On March 23, 1919, a Sunday school was organized under the direction of Elders A. J. Alder and Cyril Call of the San Francisco District, California Mission. W. D. Gledhill was sustained as superintendent with Frank Thompson and Heber L. Wilcox as counselors and Claude M. Dewsnup as secretary. This first Sunday school was held in the W. O. W. Building and sixteen people were present. Later Heber C. Wilcox became superintendent and served until August 21, 1921. Thereupon Claude M. Dewsnup was sustained as superintendent with Moses A. Zundel and George H. Sanders as counselors and Daisy Brown

as secretary.

On October 23, 1921, a chapter of the Relief Society was organized with Mary Sanders as president.

By 1923 the Sunday school had grown so large as to require a better place for meeting. The Pythian Castle was used, and housed an average attendance of 43 people. On February 4, 1923, Richmond Branch was formally organized by President Joseph W. McMurrin of the California Mission, W. Aird MacDonald of the then Oakland Branch, and Elders I. E. Riddle and J. F. Dewsnup of the Mission. Claude M. Dewsnup was sustained as Branch President, with Walter D. Gledhill and Moses A. Zundel as counselors and Arthur E. Fawcett as clerk. Other officers included George Sanders, head of ward teaching; Peter Gengler, superintendent of Sunday school; Eliza R. Gledhill, president of Relief Society and Mary Sanders, president of Primary. In 1925 the branch moved again to larger quarters in the Redmen Hall, where it has remained ever since.

When San Francisco Stake was organized July 10, 1927, Richmond Branch was made a Ward with Claude M. Dewsnup as its first Bishop, Walter D. Gledhill and Moses A. Zundel as counselors and William R. Fuller, clerk. Other first officers of the new ward were: Eliza R. Gledhill, president, Nettie Dewsnup and Margaret Edlefsen, counselors; and Clara Edlefsen, secretary; of Relief Society; W. J. Prater, superintendent; George Badouin and Henry Salmon, counselors; and Timothy Morley, Jr., clerk, of Sunday school; Ethel Gen-



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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and
he will prepare the way before me; and the
Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to
his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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PIONEER DAY

July 24, glorious day in Utah history and in the history of the entire western world must not be forgotten. Proper observance in the bay region has been difficult, and children born down here who are descended from those brave pioneers run the danger of never knowing fully the day's great significance.

Realizing this, Bishop Dunyan of Berkeley Ward fathered the custom of having that ward entertain the Stake at an annual dinner party on July 24, with a suitable program commemorating the occasion. But as the Stake grew, this laudable self-imposed task of Berkeley Ward became herculean, too large for it to handle alone.

Three years ago the Stake M. I. A. took over the occasion and sponsored a grand ball for the evening of the day at which the grown ups and the older of the growing ups could partake of the festive spirit of the occasion. This has been repeated each year since, with considerable success.

But the youngsters are not yet provided for in plans for the day, and they should be. Undoubtedly the time is not far off when there can be planned a Utah day for the bay region, a day which will become a holiday for all natives of Utah living here, Mormons and non-Mormons alike, a day when young and old can leave dull care behind and join together in the celebration of the entry of the pioneers into Salt Lake Valley. Such a holiday is a goal worthy of serious efforts. Why not make it a project for the coming year?

M. I. A. PLANS FOR 24th

The 24th of July will be fittingly observed in Oakland Stake. The M. I. A. are in charge and are planning a grand ball with special features to commemorate the occasion. Watch for announcements.

TESTIMONIAL AUGUST 20th

August 20 is the day designated for the testimonial to be tendered the retired Stake Presidency. Full details will be announced later.

BENEFIT DINNER

The entire stake membership is invited and urged to attend a dinner for the benefit of Richmond's new chapel on July 18, 5 to 8 p. m., in Redmen's Hall, Richmond.

STAKE PRESIDENCY MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Another house of worship is about completed, the fifth within our borders. The people of Richmond may well be proud of their achievement and we congratulate them. The finishing of their chapel means that the half-way mark has been reached—and passed—in providing homes for each of our nine wards and branches. We must not rest until this great work is completed and every ward has a home of its own.

The Richmond chapel was early designated as a Stake work project under the Church security plan—the first. In spite of this the contributions from members of other wards has been comparatively small so far as labor is concerned and as to cash, virtually negligible.

Before the building can be dedicated there must be raised approximately \$2200. Richmond ward cannot do this alone, and must not be left alone. Not only have the people of Richmond been generous to other wards in the past under similar circumstances, this building program must be considered as a Stake-wide matter until it comes to a glorious completion.

We therefore call upon all members of Oakland Stake to come to the immediate assistance of Richmond, giving according to our means to the end that the debt be paid and the chapel be dedicated at an early date. Whether the contribution be great or small, we ask that you give and give promptly. Mail your offering to Bishop Hopkins whose address is 714 Pomona avenue, El Cerrito.

Sincerely, your brethren,
Eugene Hilton
W. Glenn Harmon
Clyde Summerhays

MISSIONARY OUTING AT TILDEN PARK, JULY 3-5

Stake missionaries, wives and sweethearts will go for an outing over the week end of July 4, to the newly opened Tilden Park, which is part of the near-by regional park in Wildcat Canyon, Berkeley. Those who wish to stay a full week end at the camp will enroll there Saturday and remain until the following Monday evening. Others may come for whatever part of the time suits their convenience. Sunday morning services will be held, and will be attended by as many members of the Mormon Male Chorus as is possible. Bishop Alma D. Erickson of Berkeley Ward will deliver the July 4 oration. All who enjoy meetings in the open are invited to join with the missionaries this Sunday morning in the patriotic service. Tilden Park is entered by driving to the reservoir at the head of Spruce Street, Berkeley, turning left for about 200 feet, and thence down the side canyon as directed by the road sign.

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A TESTIMONY OF THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

Latter-Day Saints are always encouraged and admonished to seek for a testimony of the truth of their religion. When they possess a knowledge of its divinity they are more earnest in their devotion to it.

No member of the Church should be satisfied until he gains a testimony for himself that the Gospel is true. What is the Gospel? It is sometimes called the plan of salvation. It is a system of rules of conduct whereby one may gain salvation. Part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is embodied in the modern code of ethics or moral teachings, for the science of ethics is based on the teachings of Christ. But the Gospel includes more than what is embraced in the science of ethics, or the rules of moral conduct. It not only names the virtues that should be cultivated to insure happiness, but furnishes the means whereby these virtues may be made a part of one's life. It is not enough to know what conduct will bring happiness; one must also possess the appliances or aids that assist him to produce it in his life. The Gospel supplies the appliances. They include faith, repentance, baptism, confirmation, prayer, obedience, and Church services.

The Thirteenth Article of Faith reads in part: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, and in doing good to all men." These are the principal virtues of the Gospel, as well as of moral duty. Without these virtues one's religion is worthless.

Faith in God is the incentive that leads one to be honest, true, chaste, benevolent, and that keeps him constantly practicing those virtues. Nothing else will give so great an incentive. Feeling that he is responsible to some Power above him who approves and demands those qualities, keeps one ever in the path of honesty, truth, and virtue. As the child is helped in his behavior by feeling a sense of responsibility to his parents, so the adult is aided in living a clean life by feeling accountable to his Heavenly Parent. If you know these facts, you know that faith in God is a Gospel truth.

All Latter-Day Saints are urged to study the Gospel, to cultivate the virtues, to keep the commandments of God, to develop faith and prove that faith by their works. This is the great need today—the need of every Latter-Day Saint's testimony of the truth of the Gospel. (Taken from the June Era, p. 380.)

NEW PERSONNEL IN MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frank J. Parsons, chairman of the Stake Music Committee, was honorably released at his own request, and Archer Willey was sustained in his place at the monthly Stake officers' meeting June 27. At the same time Nellie MacDonald was released as organist and Carleton Driggs was sustained to succeed her.

The retiring chairman has a long record of activity. He has served as the head of the Music Committee for about three years. Prior to that time he was a member of the High Council, being one of the original ones of San Francisco Stake. He has been a diligent worker and his contribution to the cause has been both unique and valuable.

The new chairman is well qualified by experience and ability. It is expected that the committee will give special attention to the assistance of wards in their music for sacrament meetings.

OAKLAND-SAN FRANCISCO STAKES TO BROADCAST CHURCH OF AIR

According to arrangements completed by Apostle Stephen L. Richards, Oakland and San Francisco Stakes will collaborate in the broadcast of the "Church of the Air" on a national hookup Sunday, August 1st. This is a Columbia Broadcasting Co. feature, heard every Sunday morning at 9 a. m., and the time is apportioned out to the various religious bodies according to their size. It is a signal honor for the two stakes of the bay region to be afforded the opportunity of representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The music for the occasion is being arranged by San Francisco Stake Choir under the direction of Esther Stephens. President Eugene Hilton of Oakland Stake will be the speaker. The station which will carry the program locally is KSFO.

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gler, president of Y. W. M. I. A.; Peter Gengler, president of Y. M. M. I. A.; and Sylvia Aikens, president of Primary.

In March of 1931, the Relief Society was reorganized. Jessie Bradeson became its president with Nettie Dewsnap and Alice Hopkins as counselors and M. Brockelbank, secretary. The Primary was also reorganized. Ethel Dietliker was made president, with Val Ney and Nina Fawcett as counselors and June Bradeson, secretary.

After fifteen years of faithful service, Bishop Dewsnap and his counselors, were released on August 5, 1934. Arthur L. Hopkins was sustained as Bishop with Thomas L. Farnsworth and Wallace D. Sanders as counselors. This same year the Genealogical Committee was organized with Albert Dietliker as chairman. In 1935, Walter C. Anderson and Albert Dietliker succeeded Thomas L. Farnsworth and Wallace D. Sanders as counselors in the Bishopric.

Agitation for a home of its own began many years ago. The first act in that direction was the donation of a small wooden model chapel by Nephi Thulen. This was used as a building fund box. The first dollar placed therein was by Claude M. Dewsnap. In May of 1936, a building committee was organized. Claude M. Dewsnap was its chairman, with Bishop Hopkins, Wallace C. Anderson, Albert Dietliker, Peter Gengler and Jessie Bradeson as members. Actual construction of the chapel began in October, 1936.

TWO MORE MISSIONARIES TO THE FOREIGN FIELD

During the past month the Oakland Stake has sent two more missionaries into the field. They are Clifford W. Bagley for Oakland Ward and Dennis L. Lauper from the Dimond Ward.

Clifford Bagley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bagley and is the third member of his family to fill a mission. A farewell testimonial was given in his honor June 17, in the Oakland Ward Chapel. A program of talks and music was followed by dancing in the recreation hall. Clifford will labor in the British mission and will sail for England on the S. S. Manhattan, July 14.

Dennis Lauper is the fourth son of the family to fill a mission for the church, and will labor in the French mission. Since his coming to Oakland Stake less than a year ago, he has been very active in church affairs in Dimond Ward and in the Stake "M" Men organization. A farewell entertainment was given in his honor June 11, in the Dimond Ward Chapel. Dennis entered the mission home June 21, and will sail aboard the S. S. Manhattan on July 18, for his mission headquarters at Liege, Belgium.

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HIGH COUNCIL HAS SWEET TIME AT JUNE SESSION



Oakland Stake High Council

Back row, left to right: Don C. Wood, Wm. J. Nielsen, Delbert L. Wright, Victor C. Lindblad, Ray H. Fisher, Nathan G. Tolman, Claude M. Dewsnap, O. Leslie Stone. Front row: C. C. Carr, John J. Kest, Grant Ellis, Don J. Allphin.

The serious business which is usually the order of the day at the monthly sessions of the High Council had to take a back seat at the June session, at which dull care was routed in no uncertain manner.

To start things clicking the group posed for the first group picture ever taken of a High Council in these parts. The result, printed in this issue, is very good considering all the difficulties attendant upon group posing. The far-off look of John Kest's eyes is really not his fault; nor is the bashful attitude of Dr. Fisher, nor the sleepy expression on Nathan Tolman's countenance. All are due to the painstaking and painful efforts of the photographer to eliminate glare from the scientific aids-to-vision worn by these brethren. Whether the medicine or the cure is worse we leave to the

reader's judgment. But we do think that, all in all, this is a pretty fine picture of as fine an aggregation as is ever assembled in these parts.

The picture-taking was followed by some serious business, but the balmy air of June was not conducive to hard work. Welcome, therefore, was second break in the usual order by the announcement of President Harmon that he had been duly commissioned to announce to the world in behalf of former President Johnson, the arrival of a red-headed daughter at the latter's home. In keeping with custom, President Johnson had sent a large box of candy, with the statement that it was proof he was doing very well, thank you, and would appreciate an observance by others of the Scriptural admonition to "Go thou and do likewise."

OAKLAND PRIMARY WELL REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Setting an example that might well be followed by other organizations, the Oakland Stake Primary had one of the largest delegations at the annual convention in Salt Lake City that has ever gone from this region. Headed by President Mary Randall, the delegation consisted of Annabelle Hart, Mavis Humphries, Rose Ogden, Annetta Wood, Sarah Summerhays and Rita Kaleikau. Fern Bagley, though not working in Primary, also attended.

The theme of the thirty-fifth annual convention was "The World and Its Needs,"

with emphasis on spirituality as the basis of all work and activity in the primary. The importance of summer activity was stressed.

The August union meeting of the Primary Association will be on August 4, which is the first Wednesday of the month. This is to enable the various ward organizations to get a good start for the work of opening in September.

Bishop Hopkins of Richmond has pledged a full-fledged Primary Association in that ward by the time of the August conference. This will make eight Primaries in the Stake.

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It was further seen that in order to reach a positive result in such a comparative test, three successive requirements must be met by the two sets of evidence, namely:

1. They must be mutually independent,
2. They must be both arbitrary in nature, and
3. They must disclose at least five positive concurrences.

What is the answer to our present enquiry? In the preceding article of this series it was shown that our two sets of evidence completely and successfully meet the first two of these three requirements. We now come to the final consideration. Do these two sets of independent and arbitrary evidences actually disclose positive concurrences or identities; and if so, are these concurrences in sufficient number (i. e. five or more) to satisfy the scientific requirement?

Before considering the actual concurrences, if any, it is first essential that we know fully the historical content of the Book of Ether. A close study of the record is necessary for a correct understanding of the events, racial and cultural types, chronological period and geographical areas involved therein. There are dangers of misrepresentation which must be avoided. For example, the date of the original Jaredite colony is often placed at about 2400 B. C., when as a matter of fact, because of certain lacunae in the king-lists and the requirements of Babylonian history itself, it is necessary to place this event as early as about 2800 B. C. The geographical limits are also obvious to a certain extent from the record itself. A careful analysis of geographical references has revealed the fact that the great center of the Jaredites (the Land of Moron) was the Valley of Mexico, and that from this focal point they eventually settled most of Mexico and the southwestern and eastern portions of the present United States. Extensive research has been given also by the writer to the basic problems of race, language and culture, which has involved a good deal of technical anthropological data which cannot be discussed here, such as somatic indices, linguistic forms, and culture elements. Part of this work has been a study of original remains recovered from the Archaic strata at sites in the Valley of Mexico.

We shall now undertake an enumeration of the most important of the actual concurrences which have been disclosed between the two sets of data as the result of these investigations.

1. First, the events related by the ancient Toltec historians of this Archaic people (whom they call "Quinams") are identical, as far as they go, with the history of the ancient Jaredites as preserved in the Book of Ether. One of these accounts of the Archaic "Quinams" is preserved in epitome by the Tezucan historian Ixtlilxochitl in his *Relaciones Historicas*. This work was compiled from Toltec codices in the sixteenth century, and was first published in the original Nahuatl in 1831 (one year after the publication of the Book of Mormon), but was not made sufficiently accessible to scholars until its Spanish translation in 1891. It is therefore independent of the account in Ether. The following is the writer's English translation of this independent version of "Quinam" history:

"In the ancient histories of the Toltecs it is related how that after the Flood, the people, becoming numerous again, made a very high and strong *zacualli*, which means the very high Tower, for a place of refuge when the world should be destroyed a second time. Later, the languages changed, and being unable to understand one another they went to different parts of the world; and the Quinams, who were about seven companions with their wives, who understood each other's language, came to these regions (of America), having first passed great lands and seas, living in the caves and suffering great hardships, until they came to this land (of Mexico), which they found to be good and fertile for habitation. And they say that they traveled (many) years through different parts of the world until they arrived (here in the Valley of Mexico), which was in (the year) *Ce Tecpatl* which was 520 years since the Flood had passed. . . . Afterwards they multiplied and raised buildings. . . . The ancient Toltec historians say that. . . these Quinams had many wars and dissensions among themselves, especially in all the land which today is called New Spain (or Mexico); that they destroyed themselves, and were consumed by great calamities and punishments from heaven, because of some grave sins which they committed."

(A striking concurrence between independent accounts of arbitrary events.)

2. Second, we have the question of racial or physical type. Without going into detail, it may be said that the physical type of this Archaic people is identical with what may be safely assumed of the Jaredites in view of their origin as related in Ether. A Harvard anthropologist has recently acknowledged an identity with this same race of the ancient Near East. (A basic concurrence in somatic or physical type.)

3. This same racial type occupied approximately the same geographical areas as those outlined for the Jaredites in the Book of Ether, namely Mexico, the Southwest and Eastern United States. (A geographical concurrence in racial distribution.)

4. This same racial type occupied these same areas during approximately the same period of time as related of the Jaredites, and neither before nor after, i. e. c. 3000—c. 500 B. C. (excepting remnants). (A chronological concurrence in racial distribution.)

5. This same racial type evidently spread from the same center as related of the Jaredites, namely the Valley of Mexico, the Jaredite Land of Moron. (A concurrence in the arbitrary focal point of racial diffusion.)

(The required number of concurrences has now been reached, but we may continue.)

6. Certain aboriginal nations of Mexico, which derived their languages from that of the Archaic people, speak today languages which are structurally and phonetically akin to that which must have been spoken by the Jaredites in view of their origin as related in Ether. (A linguistic concurrence.)

7. The Archaic culture disclosed in its principal characteristics the main features of the ancient Jaredite civilization. This correspondence is particularly notable in the possession of agriculture, textiles, metal working, ceramics, turbaned statuettes,

"Ishtar" figurines, pyramid-temples, and a religion remarkably pure from indications of idolatrous tendencies. (A concurrence in cultural type.)

8. This same Archaic culture was distributed over approximately the same areas for this period as those occupied by the Jaredites. (A geographical concurrence in cultural distribution.)

9. This same Archaic culture occurs in these same areas during approximately the same period of time as that comprised by the history of the Jaredites. (A chronological concurrence in cultural distribution.)

10. This same Archaic culture evidently spread from the same center as did the Jaredites. (A concurrence in the arbitrary focal point of cultural diffusion.)

So far we have listed ten arbitrary concurrences, and these are in large or general facts. Logically, there should be added all the component identities in each main concurrence. When it is considered that several minor identities comprise the first general concurrence; that at least forty incidental correspondences based on thousands of skeletal measurements establish the second; that an incalculable number of linguistic identities determine the sixth; that general coincidences of arbitrary terminal dates within a possible range of several thousand years fix the fourth and ninth; and that hundreds of archaeological sites outline the third, fifth, eighth and tenth; we must admit that the number of concurrences encountered reaches well within even the limits required for the establishment of proof in the exact sciences.

But it must not be supposed that even this exhausts the range of concurrences which are ascertainable for a definitive solution of our problem. In fact, the Book of Ether, important as it is, comprises only a fraction of the great complex of historical and anthropological data available in the Nephite Records for comparative study in relation to the present scientific reconstruction of Middle American history. An extensive analysis and criticism of this material by the writer has disclosed discoveries of a surprising nature which have been only touched on in this investigation.

In any case, however, our present demonstration with the Book of Ether has already disclosed a series of concurrences which far exceeds the number required by science for the establishment of the historical certainty of the facts and the authenticity of their evidences. We are therefore forced to the following and successively logical and necessary conclusions:

First, that since these concurrences actually occur in accordance with all the scientific requirements of the test, the evidenced facts themselves actually transpired.

Second, that since the evidenced facts actually transpired, the concurring evidences are themselves necessarily authentic, both of those comprising the Book of Ether and those recovered by archaeology from the Archaic Horizon.

Third, that since the Book of Ether is an authentic historical record of early America, the Book of Mormon of which it is an integral part must necessarily also be authentic, and must therefore have had precisely the particular origin and transmission ascribed to it by its modern translator, the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Fourth, that since the Book of Mormon is

an authentic historical record of early America, and had the particular origin and transmission ascribed to it by its modern translator, the claims of the latter in respect of the circumstances of its coming forth (i. e. the divine revelations, and his selection and role as the Prophet of the Restoration) are historically necessary and true.

Fifth and finally, that since Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God, the Church established by him under divine direction is necessarily the only authorized Church of Jesus Christ on earth, and hence embraces the only authoritative explanations of religion, life, and the certainty of the physical resurrection.

Thus our enquiry has been successful. By the accepted criteria of the historical and anthropological sciences, we have now established a scientific confirmation of the doctrinal claims of the Church restored through the Record we have authenticated, and we have arrived at a knowledge of religious truths which necessarily transcends the assurances of faith alone.

FATHERS' AND SONS' OUTING

Fathers and sons of the Alameda Ward held a very successful outing in the Tilden Park Saturday and Sunday, staying all night in the open. Each father with his sons prepared their meals with the exception of the evening meal Saturday, which was prepared by Edward Barrett in the form of a barbecue dinner.

The festivities started Saturday morning at eight o'clock making camp, a hike to the cave, horseshoe pitching, game of soft ball. After the barbecue dinner the evening was spent around a large camp fire. Stories by W. N. Clyson and Wallace Liddle were greatly enjoyed, prayer was offered by Bishop Leo H. Crandall.

At 4:30 a. m. Sunday the camp became a beehive of activity, breakfast, hikes and quiet games were played until 10 o'clock. Bishop Crandall presided, Clare Hunt conducted the Sunday School exercises. Dinner was prepared, the camp cleaned, Scout tests were passed, camp closed at 3:30. A vote of thanks was given to the Scoutmaster Reed Schow for the splendid work he has accomplished the past year with the boys.

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WARD NEWS

VALLEJO

Friends of King E. Beagley, Vallejo missionary who is now laboring in the British Mission will be pleased to hear that he is greatly enjoying his labors and has been promoted to senior elder of the Liverpool district. Just before the coronation all the Elders of the Mission were assembled at London for the Convention of Elders and witnessed the Coronation procession. A wonderful sight never to be forgotten.

Elbert Taylor and his wife and their son accompanied A. J. Knight and two small daughters to Utah for two weeks vacation. While there they will do work in the Salt Lake Temple.

J. Myron Telford and son Ray, returned June 19, from a trip to Salt Lake where he enjoyed a visit with his father and also spent three days attending Mutual Conference. He also visited the Temple.

Orta Prescott, president of the Vallejo ward Y. W. M. I. A. is very ill at her home at Imola, California.

Zora Shurtleff, counselor to the President of the Primary was tendered a lovely party at the home of Mrs. Joseph Shurtleff, Tuesday, June 15, prior to her departure for Bremerton, where she and her small daughter will join Mr. Shurtleff who is stationed there.

Walter Hill and family left Vallejo Saturday, June 19, for a trip to Ogden, Utah. While there they will make a visit to the Salt Lake Temple.

The Vallejo Genealogical Committee spent their Social evening at Mt. George Monday, June 14, where they enjoyed a swim and weenie roast.

DIMOND

The Primary climaxed their year's activities with a charming May Festival. The hall looked like a garden decorated with garlands of hand-made flowers, and was a perfect setting for the colorful costumes of the fairies, bees, butterflies and

flowers represented by the children, who were beautifully trained. The officers and teachers are to be congratulated for their splendid work and for the joy they brought to both parents and children.

Mrs. Rena Ruff was married June 4 to Mr. Frank Hallen. The ceremony was performed in Reno by Bishop Hurst. We are happy to welcome as new members of Dimond, Mr. Hallen and his young son, Kenneth.

Because of the holiday, the July meeting of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will be held July 12.

Primary Officers from Dimond attending the Convention in Salt Lake were Stake Officer, Mavis Humphreys, Play leader, Annabelle Hart and Hazel Allen.

Jimmie Ruff had the honor of receiving first prize of \$25 in the East Bay District for his essay on "Insurance as an Investment," given by the Underwriters' Insurance Corporation. Because he received first prize, his letter was sent to New York as an entry in the National Life Insurance letter writing contest with prizes amounting to \$1500. Jimmie was presented with his prize at a special luncheon at the Women's City Club.

Willard Clarke, a former member of the Bishopric, and his wife Marge and family stopped off in Oakland, on their way back to their home in Los Angeles, from a motor trip to Utah.

The Relief Society President wishes to remind all members of their special "Heart Friend," don't wait until a birthday to do something special for them; but let them be conscious of your good wishes every month of the year.

The Dimond Gleaner Girls under the direction of their President Viola Lauper sponsored a garden dancing party at Dimond Tuesday evening June 22.

Last month Dimond Ward was pleased to welcome back for a visit their first Bishop, Thomas H. Robinson and his wife.

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MARTINEZ

Mr. Blake Riding and Harvey Kirby of Pittsburg spent Sunday, June 13, in Oakland.

Sister Mallor of Pittsburg arrived safely in England, she said the passage was rough, and the ship had to stop several times because of ice flows.

Glad to announce Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nelson have moved into their new home.

June 13, Pittsburg Relief Society had charge of the Martinez evening program.

The Andrew Easton family, Mr. Geo. Easton and children, also Miss Grace Easton have been called to Kammerer, Wyo., through the death of their father.

The Clarence Bernards family are back from their vacation.

Mr. Geo. Easton and Miss Grace Easton are back from Wyoming.

Twenty-eight of the Ward's children were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahlin of Clayton Valley in honor of their daughter Nancy's sixth birthday. Every one had a good time.

Mrs. Mernie Bunce has moved to San Francisco.

The I. Taylor family of San Francisco were visiting some of the Ward members over Decoration Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Johnson and son, Lee Mitchell, Mr. Blaine Harrison and son Blaine are visiting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Sister Johnson is president of the Martinez Relief Society.

The Walter Brey family, that moved from Martinez to Bozeman, Montana last year are now living at Susanville, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Vom Dorp and children of Crockett were in Martinez for the Fiesta. We are pleased to report little Judith Knowles is recovering from a cut on her hand which required seven stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Starr and family are back from their vacation.

Mr. Raymond Larson has arrived home from Mesa, Arizona.

ELMHURST

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith are visiting with relatives in Idaho.

We are glad to have Mrs. M. P. Ream back with us again. Her Sunday School class gave her a surprise in Durant Park, at which time they presented her with a lovely gift.

Mr. R. Pollock has been released as President of the Y. M. M. I. A. and is now Chairman of the Ward Recreation Committee.

Mr. Truman Nethercott has been selected as the new Y. M. M. I. A. president. He has not as yet chosen his counselors.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Maxine White is recovering from a recent appendectomy.

Miss Elma Behumin is visiting relatives in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nielson and family have recently moved into our Ward. Mr. Nielson is a member of the Stake High Council. They were formerly members of the Oakland Ward. We are glad to have them in our Ward.

The Elmhurst Ward extends sympathy and condolences to Mr. Rolyat Cox and Jean Cox in the loss of their wife and mother. Mrs. Cox passed away after a long period of illness.

VITAL STATISTICS**BAPTISMS**

Theodore Mudge, June 5, Dimond.
Eathel May Rice, June 5, Berkeley.
Laurence Virgil Crook, June 5, Berkeley.
Roy J. Crook, June 5, Berkeley.
Ray J. Crook, June 5, Berkeley.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Stock, a son, May 27, 1937, Elmhurst.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Johnson, a son, May 27, 1937, Elmhurst.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Lofthouse, a son, June 2, 1937, Alameda.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Johnson, a daughter, Berkeley.

BLESSINGS

Joy-Louise Peterson, June 6, Alameda.
Barbara Jean Wood, June 6, Alameda.
Garry Dee Hunt, June 6, Alameda.

MARRIAGES

Marshall A. Stoddard and Althea Helen Edwards, June 23 at Bakersfield, by President Eugene Hilton.
Edgar S. Nye and Mirum M. Sirrene, June 5, 1937, by President Eugene Hilton.
John J. Bushnell and Signe K. Astle, June 13, 1937, by President Eugene Hilton.
Frank Meily Hostetter and Donna Bell Kelly, June 19, 1937, at Berkeley by President Eugene Hilton.
Mrs. Rena Ruff and Frank Hallen at Reno by Bishop Hurst, Dimond.
L. Karlton Driggs and Hazel Ailine Leichter, June 25, by Bishop Erickson.
Wm. Gregory and Eathel May Rice, by Bishop Erickson.

ORDINATIONS

Vernon Apedale, teacher, Elmhurst.
Elbert Eugene Taylor, Elder, Dimond.
Theodore Mudge, Teacher, June 20, Dimond.
Neil Christensen, Teacher, June 20, Dimond.

DEATHS

Mrs. Pearl Cox, Elmhurst.

BENEFIT DINNER

RICHMOND'S NEW CHAPEL
July 13, 5 to 8 p. m. — Redmen Hall

RICHMOND

So anxious are we to take up residence in our new chapel that the officers' meeting was held there last week. The enthusiasm of the meeting was in no wise lessened by sawhorses, nails, tools and sawdust which made up the motif of the decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bradeson's baby son was blessed on June 14.

The Ward members warmly welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dewsnup who were visiting from Southern California. They had been gone for twelve years, and so had a joyous reunion with many old friends.

Vacationing from our Ward are: Charlotte Fawcett, destination unknown; Mr. and Mrs. Aikens and family accompanied by Lilith and Margaret Tidwell, all Utah bound.

Miss Margery Gengler has announced her engagement to Elton Wallen of Los Angeles, formerly of Richmond.

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I. B. Ball at Sacramento meeting June 13, 1937.

Delbert F. Wright was the speaker at Mutual Conjoint June 6. Glenn Elliot was our speaker at Sacramento meeting June 20.

We had a large attendance at our Special Fast Meeting. The visitors were as follows: Vivian Cherrington, Aurtance Cherrington, Mrs. Elsie C. Brown, J. L. Brown, from the Dimond Ward. Eunice Caldwell from Moore, Idaho.

Edward L. Barrett who has been attending the U. A. C. in Logan is vacationing with his parents in Alameda.

Miss Esther McRae is leaving for Salt Lake, where she will spend several weeks visiting her family and friends.

We are glad to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Don Stephens are making their home in Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hatch from Ogden, Utah, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jensen.

BERKELEY

The new Schiller grand piano to be installed in the lounge by the Relief Society has just arrived.

A program sustained by Ward Priesthood has been launched to raise funds for a new pipe organ.

Bishop and Mrs. Erickson spent several days in Los Angeles on business.

Evelyn Clauson has received a call for a mission. She will be assigned to the Northern States Mission.

The George D. Casto family are moving to Palo Alto.

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